

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Air is in the public domain, world wide. Any 'broadcast' sent through the air is public domain. Anyone with the technology to capture air waves, may do so. Were radios and tape recorders tampered with? NO! To even suggest tampering with hard equipment of any kind is ludicrous!

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? The U. S. Congress cannot control the global use of air waves by making any law.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I do not believe the consumer would purchase any equipment with built-in government control.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

The proponents of 'broadcast flag' are wasting time and tax payer money. Hackers and crackers have always been able to circumvent governmental controls.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Any consumer that would purchase any equipment with built-in governmental controls does not exist, now or ever!

Other Comments:

How long does it take for the FCC and Congress to realize they cannot control the entire technological community?

The 'broadcast flag' is the ultimate spy system which infringes on every civil right listed in the U. S. Constitution.